accordingly taken a decision to reject any wheat stocks found with inorganic matter like sand, stones, etc. The delegation was further informed that Iraq had also rejected the wheat sourced from various other countries on the same grounds.

Foodgrains to A.P.L. people

1964. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, in a bid to help the drought hit areas, decided to supply foodgrains to the people Above Poverty Line at rates it is supplied to people living Below Poverty Line;

(b) if so, the State where these areas have been identified; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains to be supplied to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has decided that subsidised foodgrains will be allotted for distribution to drought affected families belonging to both below and above poverty line at BPL rates in drought affected districts in eight State viz., Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh & Uttranchal @ 20 kg of foodgrains per family per month for a period of 3 months. The additional allocations at BPL rates will be in addition to the regular entitlement of foodgrains for BPL families under Target Public Distribution System (TPDS) in these areas. So far, special additional allocation have been made for a period of three months in favour of Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharasthra and Himachal Pradesh, as per details given below:

State	Total quantity allotted (in tones)	
	Rice	Wheat
Orissa	48,000	12,300
Rajasthan	—	3,70,655
Gujarat	81,765	2,45,292
Maharashtra	1,64,456	3,28,912
Himachal Pradesh	55,965	—

Funds with FCI for grain procurement

1965. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present, there is a ceiling of Rs. 22,000 crores as funds available with FCI for grain procurement, which is ten times of its equity capital base;

(b) if so, whether because of the bumper crops during the last harvest, FCI had exhausted its funds by making optimum procurement through market interventions;

(c) whether the FCI has since suspended procurement for want of fund allocation;

(d) whether despite such constraints on the part of FCI, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is trying to secure market intervention by FCI in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) In terms of Section 27 of the Food Corporation's Act 1964 there was a ceiling on borrowings beyond ten times the paid up capital and the reserve fund, which worked out to Rs. 22945 Crores as on 22.5.2001. However, the said ceiling has already been removed